

CREDITON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1938



MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR

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To

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CREDITON RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1938.

GENTLEMEN,

I am afraid this has been a difficult year for the Council as there has been some anxious work as to water supplies and drainage. We must, however, congratulate ourselves that progress is being made and the district as a whole shows an improved condition. If we look back, say ten years, a marked improvement is evident in the health services of every parish.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE
AREA

Area, 93,508 acres ; Estimated Population, 9,348 in 1938, 9,426 in 1937, 9,528 in 1936, 10,080 in 1931.

Number of Inhabited Houses 2,931. Rateable Value £26,464. Product of 1d. Rate £124 13s. 7d. District Agricultural ; 1 Milk Factory ; 1 small Manure Factory.

Live Births.—Legitimate, Males 54 ; Females 53 ; Total 107. Illegitimate, Males 3 ; Females 4 ; Total 7. Rate per thousand estimated population 12'2. Rate per thousand for England and Wales, Live, 15'1. Still Births.—Legitimate, Males 3 ; Females 1 ; Total 4. Illegitimate, Males 0 ; Females 1 ; Total 1.

Deaths.—Males 50 ; Females 63 ; Total 113. Rate per 1,000 population 12'1 in 1938 ; 15'2 in 1937 ; 13'2 in 1936 ; England and Wales 11'6. Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis 0 ; Other Puerperal causes 0 ; Infants under one year of age, Legitimate 11, Illegitimate 0 ; Cancer 13 ; Measles 0 ; Whooping Cough 0 ; Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 0 ; Pneumonia 7 ; Pulmonary Tuberculosis 1 ; Other Tuberculosis 1.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.

Officers :—M.O.H.—L. POWNE, M.R.C.S., L.S.A. ;

Sanitary Inspector—E. CHELL, C.R.S.I. ; Assistant—D. HEARD.

Laboratory and Ambulance Facilities are satisfactory. No changes have taken place in Hospital or Clinic Services.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. It is hoped that a new village supply will be available at Coldridge before the end of 1939. A great deal of difficulty has been experienced at Morchard Bishop, but there is every hope that a satisfactory supply will be available from the new well at Wood Lane. Boreholes have been sunk at Cheriton Cross and Down St. Mary.

DRAINAGE. Cheriton Cross.—Work here is deferred until the village water supply scheme has been completed. Chawleigh.—I understood that a small drainage scheme was to be carried out ; nothing has so far been done and I hope the Council will give the matter immediate attention.

HOUSING.

Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing defects	...	...	...	...	80
Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Dwelling Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	12
Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	...	12
<i>Proceedings under Housing Act, 1936 (Sections 9, 10 and 16) :—</i>					
Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—					
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	0
<i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—</i>					
Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—					
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	1
<i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—</i>					
Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	0

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	0
Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	0

Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :—

Number of Dwellings Overcrowded at the end of the year	0
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
Number of persons concerned in such case	8

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Number of Dairies, Milkshops and Cowsheds	314
Number of Inspections... ..	254
Number found defective	33

Milk Samples 86. Passed 47. Failed 39. % passed 54'65.

Bakehouses and Slaughter-houses :—

Regular inspections have been carried out.

Number of Bakehouses	15
Number of Inspections	15
Number of Slaughter-houses	14
Number of Inspections	106
Dried Milk Factories ... 1. Number of Inspections ...	5
Manure Factories ... 1. Number of Inspections ...	20

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	9	2	0
Diphtheria	0		
Enteric Fever	0		
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	0
Erysipelas	3	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.
New Cases and Mortality.

Age periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratroy		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0... ..				1				
1... ..				1				
5... ..			3	1				1
15... ..	1	3		1				
25... ..	1	1	1					
35... ..		1						
45... ..	1					1		
55... ..	2							
65 and upwards...								
Totals...	5	5	4	4	0	1	0	1

Yours faithfully,

L. POWNE, M.O.H.

